



# Qualicum Beach Elementary School

"We are a nurturing community!"

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*"Happiness* is relational---it arises from our interactions with people and things in our environment and from a sense of purpose. (Haidt, 2006)

### *Remember to be safe on Halloween!*

#### STAFF REPORT

Many hands make light work, my mom always said. Our "Shape and Space" community building block enters the 4<sup>th</sup> week. Students are learning about shape qualities for the rhombus – narrow and wide; parallelograms, 2 and 3 dimensional shapes, squares, triangles and more. Thanks again to the volunteers who help with this learning activity.



It is **Coats for Kids** time again this year and the Rotary club, with the help of Ballenas Leadership Students, will be working to organize this coat drive. The Boxes will be delivered to your schools on Wednesday Oct. 14th and the final pick-up will be November 9th. We will come once to do a mid-way pick-up on Wednesday October 28th as the boxes were getting quite full last year- which was great to see!

The Rotary plans to distribute the coats on Saturday November 14th. Thank you for your support again this year!

October is **Safe School** month, thanks to our families for returning one safety practice for our contest like:

- Always wear a helmet when bicycling
- Listening to my big brother when I walk home with him.
- Look both ways when crossing the road.
- Get off your bike and walk across any intersections.
- Make sure we all hold hands at all times, especially if an area is really busy.
- Look before we cross the street.

The **Sadauskas** family was the winner of the pizza dinner.

#### Olympic Torch



The Olympic Torch Relay is fast approaching---**Monday, November 2nd at 6:45 am**---in front of the Old School House. Our students have made snowflakes for the windows of the Old School House. Come join us for this celebration. To continue the spirit of the games, parents and children are also walking around the school after the relay and have been collecting pledges as a PAC fundraiser. See attached notice.

#### KIDZ2KIDZ INVITES YOU TO HELP KIDS IN AFRICA

This week students will be bringing home orange UNICEF pledge forms. All money collected will be used to help improve educational opportunities for students in Malawi and Rwanda, East Africa. Traditionally, QBES has raised over \$1200 for UNICEF each year as a community and we encourage families to help our KIDZ2KIDZ club support this project. All money should be returned to the school by Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please call Ms. Coleman if you have any questions. We always appreciate the support our community provides for all children.

#### Lunchtime Activities

Starting on November 4th, there will be lunchtime activities on Wednesdays in the gym from 12:35 to 1:00. These fun activities will be supervised by the KSS leadership team. Students should keep their ears open for announcements about these activities. The Leadership team looks forward to seeing you there and would like to thank the Qualicum Beach Elementary school staff for their support.

#### H1N1 VIRUS

Good hand washing with soap and running water continues to be the recommended best defense against this virus. Signs have been posted in all the school washrooms and posters are placed around the school. Please support good hand washing practice at home. We encourage parents to keep their children at home if they are unwell. Please visit our District Website at [www.sd69.bc.ca](http://www.sd69.bc.ca) for further information. This link to VIHA provides information about H1N1 vaccine and the schedule for the vaccination. It also provides a Q&A about the vaccine.

<http://www.viha.ca/h1n1/public/vaccine.htm>

**BC Healthy Kids Program**

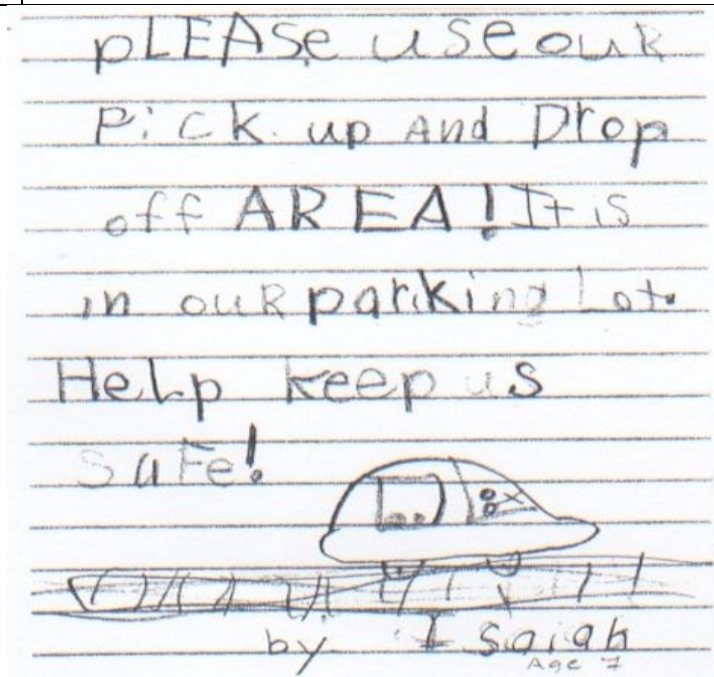
The BC Healthy Kids Program helps low income families with the costs of basic dental care and prescription eyewear for their children. Families who have been approved for MSP premium assistance will be signed up with the Program. For more information on how to apply for MSP, contact the Ministry of Health @ 1 800 663-7100. Information is also available from the Health Insurance BC website @ [www.HIBC.gov.bc.ca](http://www.HIBC.gov.bc.ca).

**Community Events**

For information on activities/events for students and families go to -- [www.sd69.bc.ca](http://www.sd69.bc.ca) and view details under the Community News and Events – second tab on the left.

**Calendar Dates to Remember**

October	29	Gr 4/5 Swim 1:30 – 2:30
	29	Black & Orange Day (no costumes)
	30	QBES School Based Professional Development Day – Students do not attend.
November	4	KSS Student Leadership Team starts noon hour sports activity in the gym
	10	11 am in gym - Remembrance Day Ceremony
	11	Remembrance Day - Students do not attend.
	13	Life Touch picture retakes
	19	Hot Lunch
	25	PAC meeting, 6:30 in the library
	27	Reporting Day - Students do not attend.
	27	Parent Teacher Interviews
		Public Day at Munchkinland Mon/Wed/Thurs 9am-12pm
		School Choir – Lunch hour every Monday (everyone welcome)
		Youth Choir - Monday after school in the Music Room. See Ms. Shaw
December	10	Hot Lunch
	11	Report Cards Home
	16	Winter Sharing Concert
	17	Gr 4/5 Swim
	21-Jan 1	Winter Break



**Contest**

Last month's winner was: **Malea Louie!** Thank you for answering the question, "What does using our WITS mean?"

**CONTEST**

How many words can you make from rectangle?
